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I-BANK APPROVES \$1.8 MILLION FINANCING TO HELP GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SAN JOAQUIN EXPAND SERVICES IN MODESTO

Sacramento, CA – October 27, 2009. The California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I-Bank) approved the issuance of \$1.8 million in conduit bonds for Goodwill Industries of San Joaquin Valley, Inc. through its 501(c)(3) Revenue Bond Program. 501(c)(3) revenue bonds provide low-cost, tax-exempt financing for capital improvement projects of qualified nonprofit corporations.

Goodwill Industries is a nonprofit agency that provides job training and placement services to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and other disadvantages such as welfare dependency, illiteracy or lack of work experience. Goodwill does this by operating retail stores and other businesses in the community that provide on-the-job training and fund Goodwill's programs. Goodwill Industries directly employs more than 275 individuals and generates over \$7.5 million in payroll and benefits for the San Joaquin Valley.

Bond proceeds will pay off an existing taxable loan used to purchase a building in Modesto, which now houses a thrift store and job training facility. The building, purchased from Ethan Allen Retail, sat vacant since February 2009 when Ethan Allen closed its doors. It has since reopened as a Goodwill Thrift Store on October 10, 2009. The new store, the second Goodwill Industries store in Modesto, is home to 18 new employees. Earnings from the store will fund job-training programs. Last year, the agency helped about 4,700 people in the San Joaquin Valley.

"The I-Bank is proud to partner with Goodwill Industries in this project," said I-Bank Executive Director Stan Hazelroth. "The tax-exempt bonds will lower financing costs for the new store. Goodwill's broad agenda, including free job-training, will serve Modesto well in this economy."

The I-Bank is the State of California's only general purpose financing authority and has broad statutory powers to issue revenue bonds, make loans and provide credit enhancements for a wide variety of public infrastructure and economic development projects throughout the State and for other governmental purposes. Through its Revenue Bond Programs, the I-Bank issues tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds for qualified California manufacturing companies creating and retaining jobs in the state, for 501(c)(3) nonprofit entities to facilitate research, cultural and other public purposes, and for other governmental entities. The I-Bank also administers a low-interest direct loan program for municipal entities for a wide variety of public infrastructure.

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